

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating transfer of an interest in an intellectual property asset via global computer network, the method comprising:

formulating a proposed transfer, by a computer system, of an interest in an intellectual property asset based on input submitted by a network user;

presenting, by the computer system, one or more terms of said interest for the proposed transfer;

permitting the network user, by the computer system, to select one or more of the terms of said interest;

limiting, by the computer system, bidders via an access profile;

defining, by the computer system, the proposed transfer based at least part on the terms selected by the user; and

posting, by the computer system, the proposed transfer on a network resource residing on the global computer network.

6-9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating transfer of interests in intellectual property assets via a global computer network, the method comprising:

auctioning, by the computer system, an interest in an intellectual property asset

via a network resource residing on the global computer network, wherein auctioning an interest includes listing, as part of an auction process, an asset identifier corresponding to the asset and terms of transfer of the interest in the intellectual property asset;

limiting access, by the computer system, to the asset identifier and the terms of transfer as a function of an access profile associated with each network user;

permitting, by the computer system, the network user to select one or more terms of said interest;

gathering bids from network users, by the computer system; and

automatically adjusting the terms of transfer, by the computer system, in the event no sufficient bids are gathered within a predetermined period of time.

11. (Currently Amended) The method for facilitating transfer of an interest in an intellectual property asset via global computer network of claim 5, wherein limiting bidders via an access profile includes accessing, by the computer system, a database of access profiles, wherein each network user has an associated access profile.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for auctioning an interest in an intellectual property asset via a global computer network, the method comprising:

offering, by the computer system, the interest in the intellectual property asset via a network resource residing on the global computer network, wherein the interest in the intellectual property asset is defined by a proposed transfer agreement and a profile of users granted access to the proposed transfer agreement;

permitting, by the computer system, the network user to select one or more terms of said interest;

collecting, by the computer system, bids from network users meeting the profile of users granted access to the proposed transfer agreement; and accepting, by the computer system, one of said bids.

13. (Previously Presented) The method for auctioning an interest in an intellectual property asset via a global computer network of claim 12, wherein the proposed transfer agreement is a proposed licensing agreement.

14. (Currently Amended) The method for auctioning an interest in an intellectual property asset via a global computer network of claim 12, wherein the [[in]] intellectual property asset is a patent.